

### **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 3, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 12, 13, 15, 17 – 19, 21 – 25 and 27 - 31 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claims 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 27 – 29 and 31, and has canceled claims 14, 16, 20 and 26 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant has canceled claims 14, 16, 20 and 26 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

### **Indication of Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action indicates that claims 14 – 18 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 12 to additionally recite “at least partially surrounding the second dielectric material with third dielectric material, the third dielectric material being spaced from the second dielectric material,” which was previously recited in claim 14. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 12 and its dependent claims 15 and 27 – 31 are in condition for allowance.

With respect to claim 13, Applicant has amended claim 13 to recite features previously recited in claim 16. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 13 and its dependent claims 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

With respect to claim 19, Applicant has amended claim 19 to recite features previously recited in claim 20. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 19 and its dependent claims 21 - 25 are in condition for allowance.

#### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Office Action indicates that claims 12, 13, 19, 21 – 23, 26 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Davey*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. In particular, with respect to claim 26, Applicant has canceled this claim and respectfully asserts that the rejection as to this claim has been rendered moot. With respect to the rejection of independent claims 12, 13 and 19, Applicant has amended these claims as set forth above and respectfully asserts that the rejections have been accommodated.

#### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Office Action indicates that claims 24, 25 and 27 - 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Davey* in view of *Ahn*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. In particular, Applicant has amended independent claims 12 and 19 as set forth above and respectfully asserts that these claims are in condition for allowance. Since claims 24 and 25 incorporate the limitations of claim 19 and claims 27 – 30 incorporate the limitations of claim 12 Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance.

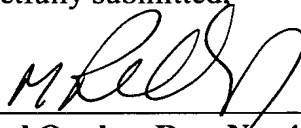
#### **Cited Art Made of Record**

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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